GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4797
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DEMAND OF INDIAN GOODS IN NEPAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for India-made electronic goods such as VCRs, Television sets and an array of consumer items like textiles and garments is decreasing day by day in the markets of neighbouring countries particularly in Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this situation has arisen due to flooding of cheap and duplicate Chinese goods in these markets; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made by the Indian Government to reestablish its original position?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)& (b) : It may be observed from the enclosed statement that during the period 2000-2001 export of electronic goods has increased to Sri Lanka, Maldives and Pakistanwhereas there was a down trend in export to Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh ascompared to the level of exports during the previous year, 1999-2000. Similarly, export of textiles and garments etc., to Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Maldives has increased during 2000-2001 while it has gone down in the case of exports to Bhutan and Pakistan. A mixed trend has also been noticed during the month of April 2001 as compared to the corresponding period previous year i.e. April 2000.

(c) : It is not possible to attribute the trend in our exports to the neighbouring countries to their imports from other countries since the data of trade among third countries is not maintained in India.

(d) : Efforts made by Government of India to promote exports to neighboring countries namely Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh , Sri Lanka, Maldives and Pakistan who have organized themselves into the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), include gradual reduction in tariffs and removal of other non - tariff barriers, sharing the knowledge of the potential for intra -regional economic exchanges through SAARC Trade Fairs, exchangeof business delegations and bilateral trade reviews to address the policy and procedural issues periodically with the aim to promote intra-regional investment, harmonization of customs procedures and standards.

Statement mentioned in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question NO. 4797 for answer on 24.8.2001

A: Export of electronic goods from India to the neighbouring countries :

(Value in Rs. Lakhs)

Period	Nepal	Bhutan	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka	Maldives	Pakistan
1999-2000	1379.10	380.23	4931.00	3752.31	40.13	173.15
2000-01	1306.42	5.39	4326.69	4684.72	138.15	253.37
April 2000	89.64	Nil	140.30	440.62	5.14	12.52
April 2001	33.93	2.17	708.90	308.84	0.43	11.71

(Source : DG,CIS, Kolkata)

B: Export of Textiles including Ready Made Garments (cotton, woolen, silk) and

cotton yarn, fabrics, carpets etc. to the neighbouring countries

(Value in Rs. Lakhs)

Period	Nepal	Bhutan	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka	Maldives	Pakistan
1999-2000	2602.56	161.57	105919.31	51442.61	621.50	566.40
2000-01	6936.43	4.00	112041.20	59623.73	1713.59	350.13
April 2000	604.82	Nil	7356.19	4271.21	205.78	Nil
April 2001	170.79	8.69	2375.64	3846.24	148.62	10.51

(Source : DG,CIS, Kolkata)